

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 41, lines 6-11, as follows:

Further, in the present invention, by replacing (R)-1,1'-bi-2-naphthol used as a catalyst component in the asymmetric oxidation reaction by (S)-1,1'-bi-2-naphthol, it will be possible to prepare a (2R,3S) form which is optically symmetrical to the compound of the present invention.